

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, drawn to a composition; and

Group II: Claims 5-10, drawn to an article.

Additionally, and separately, the Examiner is requiring election of a single species of polyolefin of: homopolymers or copolymers.

Additionally, and separately, if homopolymers is elected, the Examiner is requiring election of either: ethylene or propylene.

Applicants have elected, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-4. Applicants also elected the species: propylene homopolymers. Claims 1-10 read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search of all the claims would not impose an undue burden upon the Office. Applicants note that MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

With respect to the elected species, Applicants respectfully submit that, should the elected species be found allowable, the Office should expand its search to the non-elected species.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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